



The Town of Fenwick Island

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NOTICE

RESOLUTION #100-2019 OF THE TOWN OF FENWICK ISLAND, DELAWARE

WHEREAS, the Fenwick Island's Town Council (hereinafter Council) and residents have long advocated for environmental stewardship as a core value in efforts to maintain an unspoiled beach, ocean, and delicate ecosystem within the Town boundaries and surrounding areas. This value is reflected by an official Environmental Committee, Town Code, Comprehensive Plan, and Community Sustainability Plan.

WHEREAS, the Council has consistently supported the development of responsible clean energy, including solar power and geothermal systems.

WHEREAS, the Council recognizes and supports the potential for offshore wind power as being a viable source of clean energy when constructed in a responsible manner that respects the natural environment and pristine ocean view that is a cultural treasure for the citizens and visitors of Fenwick Island.

WHEREAS, the Federal Government has issued leases that give rights to private companies to construct wind turbines offshore of Fenwick Island, DE.

WHEREAS, the State of Delaware and Ørsted signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) on July 18, 2019 without consultation with the Town of Fenwick Island officials.

WHEREAS, the Council shares a common interest in preservation of our natural assets and this project will have a lasting environmental and economic impact on all Delaware coastal communities.

WHEREAS, even though the Town of Fenwick Island and its Council Members have no jurisdiction or control over the decision-making process, Council Members met with officials from DNREC, first on September 27, 2019 and again on October 2, 2019, to review plans for a partnership between DNREC and Ørsted, proposing to bring power cables into Delaware from the wind turbines by way of an interconnection substation at the Fenwick Island State Park, directly adjacent to Fenwick Island town limits.

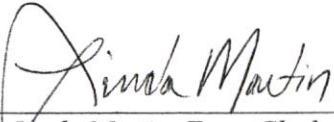
WHEREAS, the Fenwick Island Town Council, at the Town Council Meeting on October 25, 2019, individually expressed various objections to the proposed DNREC/Ørsted plans when polled during the meeting.


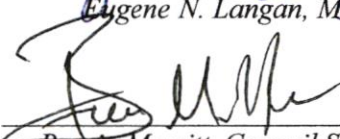
WHEREAS, the Fenwick Island Town Council is opposed to the current park plans as presented and the impact of those plans on adjacent Fenwick Island property owners.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, it is important the park project and the offshore wind project be thoroughly reviewed and studied to ensure it is in the best interest of the environment, our economic vitality, and the quality of life we cherish. The Council is concerned with the substation location in an environmentally sensitive area and with the distance of the wind turbines to Fenwick Island shores. The Town Council requests and desires input into any future revisions of the park plans, substation plans and windfarm plans. The Town Council requests that all windfarms be located so they are not visible from the Town of Fenwick Island shorelines.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy of this Resolution shall be sent to the Governor of the State of Delaware and to our Federal and State Representatives as well as all members of the Sussex County Council.

THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution was passed unanimously by the Town Council of Fenwick Island on this 6th day of December, 2019.

Attest: 
Linda Martin, Town Clerk


Eugene N. Langan, Mayor

Bernie Merritt, Council Secretary

I, Bernie Merritt, Secretary of the Town Council of the Town of Fenwick Island, Delaware, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the Resolution passed by the President and Council at a meeting on December 6, 2019, at which a quorum was present and voting throughout and the same is still in force and effect.

December 6, 2019
Date


Bernie Merritt, Council Secretary